Yankee Air MUSEUM

HANGAR HAPPENINGS

What's happening in and about the YANKEE AIR MUSEUM

Celebrating 30 years 1981-2011

CELEBRATING OUR 30TH YEAR! MAY 2011

Yankee Air Museum

Annual Memorial Day

Pancake Breakfast and Blood Drive

May 30, 2011

Yankee Air Museum Collection & Exhibits Building
47884 D Street, Belleville, MI 48111
East side of Willow Run Airport

Fly In or Drive In
Free shuttle from ramp to Yankee C & E Bldg

Pancakes/sausages served 8- Noon
$6.00 - adults/ $4.00 kids 15-2 (age 2 and under FREE)

Pancakes in 20 minutes or less or you will be entered in a drawing for an hour long ride in a *classic* Cessna 172 with YANKEE Executive Director & CFI Randy Hotton

Hot Dog Lunch, 50/50 Raffle and MORE!
Special Performances, Speakers, and various Fly-overs

VIP Seating Area: You will be personally served! $10.00 per adult, $5.00 per child ages 15-2, children 2 and under are free.

FREE MUSEUM ENTRY

American Red Cross Blood Drive
8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. in the
Yankee Collections & Exhibits Building

Teach children the importance of Memorial Day by visiting the Yankee education station with special activities for the kids.

Check out the Yankee Education Department Flight Simulator... do you have what it takes to land a B-17?

(734) 483-4030

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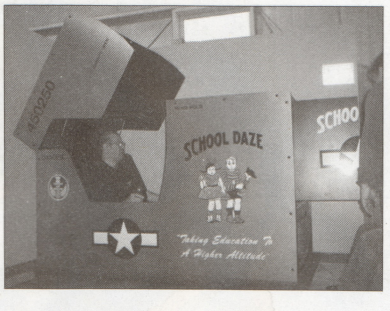

HUEY HAPPENING

Special event to raise funds for the Huey exhibit & Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 310 of Washtenaw County.

May 21st
Pig Roast 12-4
Yankee Air Museum

Adults $17.50
Kids 12-18 $12.50
CASH BAR

Tickets for sale on the Yankee web site and at the Museum store.

Bob Mason, author of the NY Times bestseller *Chickenhawk* will be there to speak and sign books. He is the stick buddy of Yankee member **Jerry Towler.**

60's music with DJ "Big Daddy G"

Hoofin It for a Hangar

See page 4 for information about the 2K walk and 5Kand 10K runs that will also be held in conjunction with this Yankee event.

The hangar runs entry fee includes a T-shirt, pancake breakfast AND entry in a drawing to win a ride in the B-17.

Entry form and payment must be received by May 14th.

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d/b/a **Yankee Air Museum**
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MEETING SCHEDULE

General Membership
1st Wednesday of Month - 7:30 PM
Members FREE, non-members $5

Flyable Aircraft Meeting
2nd Tuesday of months below - 3:00 PM
December, March, June, Sept

Board Meeting
2nd Thursday of Month - 7:00 PM

YAM Dispatch Riders Meeting
3rd Saturday of Month—10:00 AM

Staff Meeting
4th Saturday of Month - 10:00 AM
All Department Chairs and Managers

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YANKEE AIR FORCE BYLAWS ARTICLE II - PURPOSES

The YAF is organized exclusively to obtain, restore, preserve and operate historic and vintage aircraft, related components for historical research and public educational purposes, and to establish a museum to facilitate the public display and exhibition of such items.

PAST DATES OF INTEREST

1 May 1942	First **B-24D** assembled at Consolidated Ft. Worth plant accepted by USAAF
2 May 1952	First **commercial jet passenger service:** BOAC deHavilland Comet from London, England, to Johannesburg, South Africa
3 May 1952	First successful aircraft landing at the North Pole: a **C-47**!
4-8 May 1942	US achieves strategic victory in first aircraft carrier battle: **Battle of the Coral Sea** off Australian coast
5 May 1866	Civil War dead honored in Waterloo, New York; considered first **Memorial Day**
5 May 1945	Only **US deaths** in Continental US during WWII. Japanese fireballoon bomb kills 6 Americans on Gearhart Mt. near Bly, Oregon
6 May 1937	Explosion of the airship ***Hindenburg*** at Lakehurst, New Jersey
6 May 1945	Last **Liberator** U-Boat kill. U-1008 by RAF Lib. (Total 89 U-Boats sunk by Liberators)
8 May 1945	**VE Day** World War II victory in Europe
14 May 1908	First **passenger flight** in a Wright aircraft at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina
14 May 1941	**Women's Army Corps** formed
14 May 1944	Dallas North American and Tulsa Douglas start producing **B-24J**s
21 May 1927	**Charles Lindbergh** completes solo flight from New York across Atlantic Ocean to Paris, France
31 May 1945	All **B-24** production terminated
May 1950	Third Saturday in May proclaimed **Armed Forces Day** by President Truman
May 1971	Last Monday in May named US national **Memorial Day**

April 50/50 was won by Gary Justice who donated it to the Hangar fund. Maybe our biggest POT ever! **Joe Toth, Henry Grudzien, Bob Hynes**, Gary (again) and **Al Hudson** won books. **Jerry Towler** gave an excellent talk about his experiences in Vietnam. Be sure to **buy tickets on the web site NOW** for the May 21st Huey event as it will no doubt sell out. Jerry and his stick buddy Bob Mason will talk about flying the Huey. Jerry had 1000 sorties, some 700 of them combat flights.

To contact Hangar Happening's
E-mail: **hangarhapps@yankeeairmuseum.org**
Phone: **(734) 483-4030 ext 247**

JUNE 2011 ISSUE DEADLINE IS MAY 13TH
BUT BETTER TO TURN IN ITEMS MAY 1ST OR BEFORE

Executive Director Report— Randy Hotton

This month's Executive Director's Report comes at an exciting time as we continue to move forward with our plans for 2011. We are making real measurable progress towards our 2011 goals set at our January off-site meeting. By having assessable completion dates for our goals, we can now measure our advance and keep you fully informed as we move forward. Our number one goal remains getting a hangar for our flyable airplanes and we are happy to announce we have obtained space at Detroit Metro Airport for all three airplanes and we will be moving into these hangars for the summer and maybe longer.

Top four 2011 Goals

1. Enhance the visitor Experience with major improvement No Later Than (NLT) Dec 31st, one per quarter.
   - The collection's and display committee has made great progress by enhancing our displays in the high bay area. They have obtained surplus previously owned museum display cases from the Henry Ford Museum. These will be used for additional displays from our extensive collection.
   - The Huey has been given a new paint job and markings to look like the UH-1 that Jerry Towler and Bob Mason flew in Vietnam. It will be the backdrop of our May 21st Vietnam Veterans recognition event. Buy tickets online on Yankee web site now. Download the poster and email it to your friends.
2. Hire a Development Director NLT April 30th
   - We are excited to announce that we have hired a professional Fundraiser as Development Director.
   - Her name is Velda Garcia-Fayz and she will be joining our staff in May.
   - She is a resident of Canton and comes from the Detroit Science Museum where she was successful in raising money for their projects and operations.
   - Velda made presentations at our April Board of Directors and at our April Staff Meeting.
3. Further develop Web Site to pursue E Commerce
   - Hangar Happenings is now available on line on our Yankee Air Museum web site
   - We have made great progress in setting up our web site to produce revenue. We are now selling tickets to our events directly on our web site.
   - The retail store now has a link on our web site and you can buy merchandize directly from our store on-line. This will continue to grow as additional products are added to our on-line store.
   - Our next web site goal for 2011 is to have viable social media interface, Facebook, Twitter, to increase publicity for the Museum. The committee is getting valuable professional input from a variety of sources to include Herb Gillen Marketing and Eastern Michigan University.
4. Define Marketing and Public Relations roles, persons responsible, process for input and execution, this will be put into the YAM policy manual NLT May 31st.
   - The PR department has set a goal of having attendance at every Chamber of Commerce in the local area by a member of the PR department. If you would like to represent the Yankee air Museum on a local Chamber of Commerce, let Bob Hynes know and he will set you up.
   - Our Marketing Company has set up a mass mailer to a local zip code in order to sell additional flex rides. They are also going to do a trial promotion of our B-17 "Barnstorming" circuit.

The staff set the following as sub goals for the museum without completion dates.

- Communications: Better information from Executive Director on museum goals and progress
- Membership: Work toward goal of 3500 members for 2011, we will be forming a Membership Marketing Committee to look at changes in the way we market memberships.

Return on Investment (ROI): We will determine if the project meets YAM long term goals or is the project a money pit that absorbs scare resources with little possibility of generating revenue in the future? In keeping with this priority we have discontinued work on the following projects.

- AT-11, this will be de-accessed or possibly converted to a static display, this project was nearly $100,000 from completion and would never return the investment
- The Snow-Go and Van-et will also be de-accessed because they would require major expenditure of money to complete and do not fit the Museum display mission.

General Membership Meetings:

These are "Not to Miss Evenings". In April we had a record turnout, 85 people and 50/50 pot of $186, for Jerry Towler, Chickenhawk's stick buddy, and the story of the Huey in Vietnam. Those who were there enjoyed a great story. Please come join us for the programs scheduled.

May: Operation "Market Time" sealing off South Vietnam's Coast

Jun: "Bombs Away" The story of military aviation in the State of Michigan.

Hoofin' It for a Hangar
10k Run and 2k Fun Walk

This is a fundraising event to benefit Yankee Air Museum's rebuilding efforts. Your blood, sweat and tears will join ours as we raise a new Hangar!

Memorial Day, May 30, 2011 at Yankee Air Museum's Collection & Exhibits Building located at 47884 D Street, Belleville, MI 48111

Download Registration Form at www.yankeeairmuseum.org

ENTRY DEADLINE MAY 14TH

Registration and T-Shirt Pick-up: 7:00—7:45 a.m. Located at the Collections & Exhibits Building. There will be plenty of signs to guide you. Every entrant will receive a free t-shirt and a free pancake breakfast at Yankee Air Museum's Memorial Day Observance!

10k and 5k Run starts at 7:45 a.m. Entry fee is $40.00 for the 10k and $30.00 for the 5k. Prizes will be awarded to the top male and female runner as well as the top runners in each age group:

18-20, 21-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59 and 60 and up.

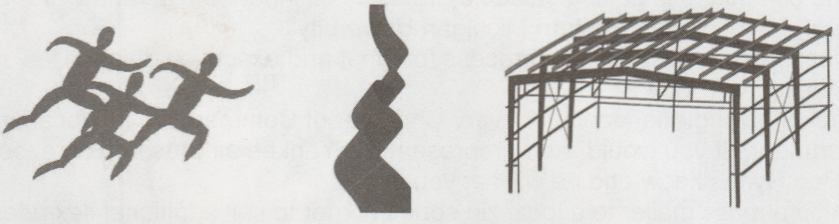
Why such a high entry fee?

Every entrant will receive a raffle ticket for the chance to:

Win a ride on our B-17: Yankee Lady.

2k Fun Walk starts at 8:00 a.m. Entry fee is $20.00. (No raffle ticket included).

On your mark... **Get set...** **GOAL!**



Call Tracy Frink
(734) 483-4030 ext 237 or
tracy.frink@yankeeairmuseum.org
for entry form or more information regarding the Hangar run

Yankee Air Force Liberator Award

UMROTC cadet Calvin Heim was awarded the Yankee Air Force Liberator award, given annually to a U of M ROTC cadet. Calvin is a sophomore majoring in Mechanical Engineering from Tecumseh, MI and he wants to be a Para-rescue officer.

The award is shown at right, a B-24 with a special nose art paint scheme of Michigan Stadium.

B-24J-161-CO USAAC Tail Number 44-40429
The B-24 Liberator Bomber "Michigan" served in World War II with the 64th Bomb Squadron, 43rd Bomb Group in the Pacific Theater (5th AAF) from 1942-1946.
Presented to University of Michigan AFROTC Cadet Calvin Heim, 5 April 2011, by the Yankee Air Museum.
MICHIGAN
Yankee Air Force Liberator Award - 2011
Nose Art by Sarkis Bartigian, SSgt, USAAC, c1943

There are a few seats available for the most awesome C-47 trip of the year; The Wood, Fabric & Tail-dragger fly-in to 64I.

See page 12 for details and check out the web site ww.leebottom.com. 2010 was to be the last year for this event but Ginger and Rich Davidson got more help so it will continue to celebrate the Golden Age of Avia-

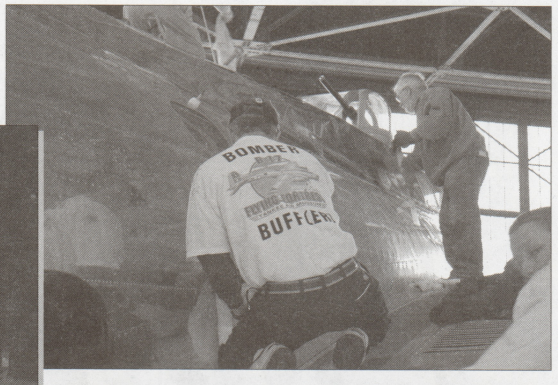
Help Needed for VIP Breakfast area on Memorial Day

Contact Brian Fowler if you want to help serve breakfast in the indoor VIP area on Memorial Day. This will be our first pancake breakfast in our new home so we are expecting quite a crowd. Many patrons take advantage of the excellent service offered by Brian and crew.
Email Brian at bmforgans@aol.com

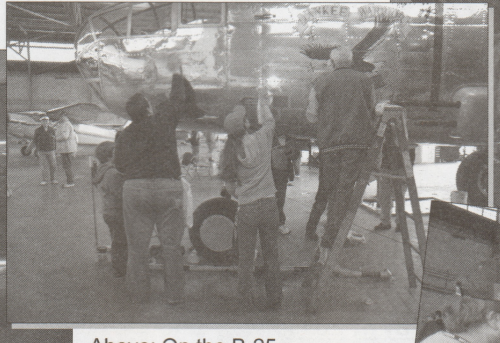
Polishing Party 2011

The number of attendees at the Bomber Buffing at Grosse Ile on April 9th was down from last year's huge turnout, but there were still more than enough people to give the AC a thorough polishing. The parking guys enjoyed the lack of action to head inside early and do some buffing to get warm. Membership signed up 16 new members. Those folks can see and download their cockpit photos taken by **Rand Bitter** and **Al Hudson** at the Yankee Photo Gallery website maintained by **Dwight Koslowski,** http://public.fotki.com/Kos/members_photo_galle/, where you may also see many other photos of the event in color. General Savage even made an appearance to boost moral (or kick butts?) of the bomber buffers.

Speaking of downloads. Have you had a look at the Yankee web site lately? There's a lot going on there. Buy tickets for Yankee events. Color versions of Hangar Happenings are now being posted. Also check the latest air show schedule. No space for it in this issue of HH. See you on M-Day.

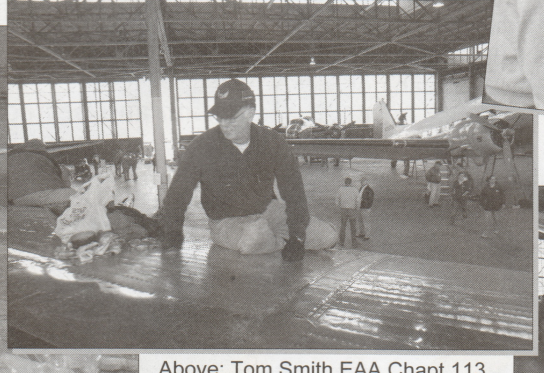


Above: BB is a family event
Right: Young bomber buffers
Below: Grandfather and granddaughter?



Above: On the B-25
Above right: Detailing the Doug
Right: Gen Savage with future aviators

All photos by Al Hudson



Above: Tom Smith EAA Chapt 113 pres. Attend their brkfst June 19, see HORIZON page
Left: Cookie Master and crew had successful bake sale

Hangar Happenings *FLYER online*

Hangar Happenings *FLYER*, gets you the latest on what's happening at Yankee Air Museum. Several have been sent out already. Go to the Yankee home page and fill in the box as shown below. **Not to worry, the normal Hangar Happenings will be mailed to you as always.**

Subscribe here for the new **Hangar Happenings FLYER**. Keep up to date with all of the latest news and information about the Yankee Air Museum.

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Yankee Dog Taggers

If you'd like to become a member of the Dog Tag and Retail team and be eligible to be chosen for air show trips get in contact with Steve Hopper in retail, www.retail@yankeeairmuseum.org . Interested candidates will be contacted by Steve for DT school.

RENEW

NOW

FOR 2011/2012
PLEASE SIGN UP ONLINE !

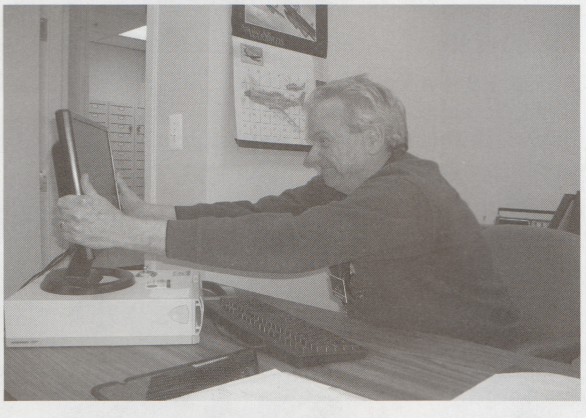
Kroger Community Rewards: YOU MUST REUP FOR 2011/12 STARTING APRIL 2011

Yankee's enrollment for the last year ended on April 30, 2011 so **you must re-enroll** for the period May 1, 2011 through April 30, 2012. **This may be done anytime after April 1, 2011 but now must be done online.**

Enroll at www.krogercommunityrewards.com. Have your Kroger Plus Card number ready (the twelve numbers below the barcode) if you already have one. You will also need an email address and you must enter a password of your choice. If you don't have a Kroger Plus Card you can get one immediately at your local Kroger service desk. The Yankee Air Museum registered number is 83614, but Yankee will be on a pull-down list on the registration site.

This program is for Kroger shoppers in Michigan only. Just make sure you have a Kroger card registered to Yankee Air Museum. **Any friend of Yankee can register.**

The Membership Department needs help!



Well other than the obvious……..

The Membership Department needs an able volunteer to maintain our Membership records, enter new and renewal Membership information and assist with mailings. You must be a current Member, comfortable working with computers and confidential information and periodically be able to help Jim control his computer frustrations.

For more information, please contact jim.race@yankeeairmuseum.org or jerace@talkamerica.net.

Stand Head and Shoulders Above the Rest !

Become a Yankee Star! Sign up a new Member of the Yankee Air Museum by July 4th and you will receive a free ticket to THUNDER OVER MICHIGAN™

Sign up two new Members by July 4 and you will receive two free tickets to THUNDER OVER MICHIGAN™

(All Members will continue to receive a free admission ticket to Thunder Over Michigan.)

Bob Hassan

Team Drano Will Defend Golf War Title

Plans are underway for the 2011 Yankee Air Museum GOLF WAR to be held in September at Selfridge ANGB. Last years winners were Team Drano, Dave "Drano Steiner, Mick Mininni, Matt Dame and Patrick Colbeck, pictured here with the coveted GOLF WAR IRON BAG trophy on which their names now reside.

The trophy was skillfully crafted by Yankee's Man of Metal, Bob Pilz, with steel from the old Hangar.

For more information about this event contact Dave Steiner dsteiner@blackmoreco.com, or call (800) 874-8660. Sponsors and players needed.

Grand prize drawing for the event is a ride in the B-17. How many golf outings give you that opportunity!

Yankee Air Museum Spotlighted on Detroit Public TV

Russ Banush

On Friday, March 18, a group of Yankee Air Museum (YAM) members from the restoration department and members of the Yankee Dispatch Riders volunteered for the phone bank during the fund raising drive for Channel 56, Detroit's Public TV station located at Riley Broadcast Center in Wixom, Michigan. Fifteen phone stations were organized to receive calls from viewers. During the call reception time from 6-11 PM, some $30,290 was donated to the station! This amount of money is considered a wonderful response due to the "Detroit Remember When" and Willow Run programs that were aired during this time.

"The Willow Run Story" (a film originally produced by Ford Motor and supplemented by YAM when produced as a DVD) was used for the Willow Run programming feature. The DVD was offered as a thank you gift for donors that met the dollar requirement for it. It is also offered at the Museum retail store. The station has informed us that they needed more DVD's as it was an enormously popular gift item!

Yankee and Dispatch Rider phone personnel were Judy and Joe Amend, Russ Banush, Nick Gabriel, Marie and John Marker, Suzie and Dave Nowak, Grace and Roger Peterson, Marv Boprie, Ginny and Jack Bogan, and Fred Brunk. Lou Farkas, Tracy Frink and Randy Hotton were interviewed by Channel 56's Dan Alpert, Development and Communications, during the break in programming to solicit calls for donations. The TV station's Fred Nahhat also was on the air to "sell' the Yankee Air Museum. The interviews with our people were really wonderful as they displayed a great deal of enthusiasm and passion for our YAM.

Behind the scenes were the station's Rich Homberg, President and General Manager, Jeff Forster, Productions and Operations, Cecilia Bickes, Manager of Volunteers, and camera man Fred Murray plus a number of Channel 56 volunteers to help us with technical issues as we answered the phone calls. There were so many calls during peak periods that the "overflow" had to be answered by the contractor service. One caller asked this author if he was speaking to a Yankee member. The caller kept calling back because he wanted to talk to a member rather than the contractor! It was an exciting night.

We owe the station personnel and their volunteers a wonderful thank you for the great hospitality and the pleasant experience we had that evening.

Here's a link to a Flikr photo site to see pictures of the event.
http://www.flickr.com/photos/ralphw3/sets/72157626193790667/

Saginaw Valley Air Museum

THE SAGINAW VALLEY AIR MUSEUM, FORMERLY YAM SAGINAW DIV. IS GETTING ALONG WITH 4 NEW MEMBERS THIS MONTH. OUR L-2 RE-REGISTRATION IS COMPLETE AND OUR 501-3-C APPLICATION IS COMPLETE AND AWAITING PROCESSING. WE HAVE A WEB-SITE NOW (SEE BELOW) W/BROWNE AIRPORT AND YANKEE AIR MUSEUM INFO. INCLUDED WITH OURS.

WE WILL BE DOING DOG TAG SALES IN THE SAGINAW / FLINT /MIDLAND / BAY CITY AREA EVENTS, PANCAKE / FLY IN BREAKFASTS AND WILL BE ATTENDING THE WILLOW RUN THUNDER OVER MICHIGAN EVENT WITH OUR DOG TAG MACHINE AS IN THE PAST.

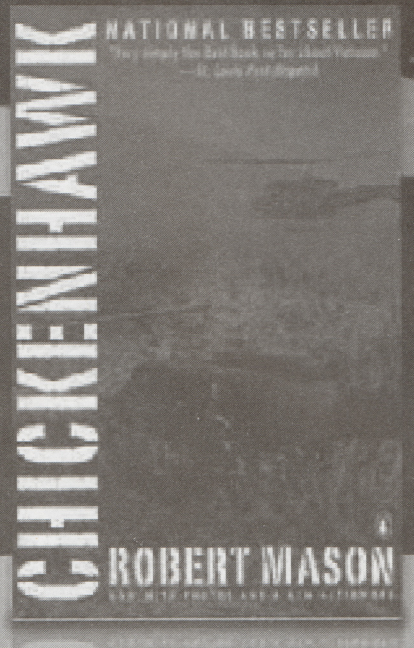
OUR MEETING DAY IS THE THIRD SATURDAY OF THE MONTH AT O9:30 AM AT HARRY BROWNE APT. PILOTS' LOUNGE. VISITORS AND / OR PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS WELCOME.
FOR INFO.CONTACT DAN KENNY AT 989-770-4819

http://khyx.org/Yankee_Air_Museum.html

VIETNAM SALUTE TO THE HUEY

Pig Roast and an Afternoon with CHICKENHAWK

Celebrate the iconic aircraft from Vietnam as Bob Mason, the legendary UH-1 Huey pilot and author of the New York Times best-seller "Chickenhawk" will be visiting the Yankee Air Museum May 21st. Mason will discuss his Vietnam flying experiences and sign his books. Hear firsthand Mason's experiences flying the Huey and help support the Yankee Air Museum and the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 310 of Washtenaw County.



1200 - 1600
May 21, 2011
Yankee Air Museum
Willow Run Airport, Ypsilanti, Michigan

MEET BOB MASON, AUTHOR OF CHICKENHAWK

- Pig roast with sides
- Beer, pop and water cash bar
- 60's music with DJ "Big Daddy G"
- Live auction

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT YANKEEAIRMUSEUM.ORG
ADULTS - $17.50 EA • KIDS 12YR - 18YR - $12.50 EA

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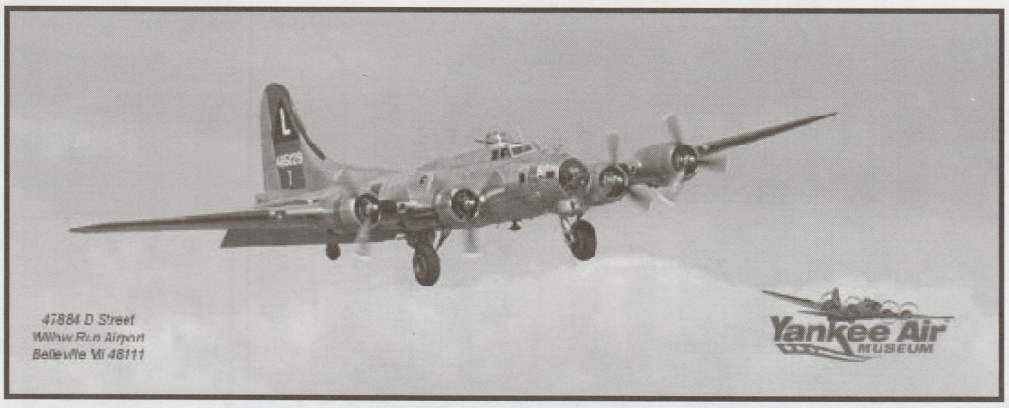

Blue Sky, Green Grass and Airplanes

Spring is almost here! The Polishing Party (April 9), Memorial Day (May 30) and THUNDER OVER MICHIGAN (July 23-24) are just around the corner. It's time to volunteer for outdoor events!

The number of volunteers is steadily increasing. Volunteers are working in the gift shop, teaching kids, greeting visitors, creating displays, restoring aircraft, etc. There are many volunteer openings still available. Join us even if you can only participate one, or two, days a month.

Volunteer Orientations

The best way to find out about volunteering is to attend orientation sessions held in our new building (47884 D Street, Willow Run Airport). Bring along a friend, family member or anyone who is interested.

SESSION #1
9:30 A.M., TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2011

SESSION #2
1:00 P.M., TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2011

SESSION #3
7:00 P.M., TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2011

SESSION #4
9:30 A.M., SATURDAY, MAY 21, 2011

We Would Like To Hear From You

Please R.S.V.P. at ***volunteers@yankeeairmuseum.org*** to let us know which orientation session you want to attend. We will answer your questions and provide additional information. Comments and suggestions are always welcome.

See you soon,
The Volunteer Committee

Learn to Fly
Private Pilot Flight Lessons
Classic 1978 Cessna 172
(No Garmin distractions)

Contact Randy Hotton
FAA Certified Flight Instructor
Pilotyip@aol.com
734-697-4754

Paid advertisement

B-17 Wheel/Tire Balancer

Problem: B-17 tires/wheels need to be balanced to lengthen tire life and reduce wear and tear on landing gear and brakes

Solution #1 - spend major bucks on a dynamic balancer. **NOT!**

Yankee solution - if you are **Norm Ellickson** , you get **Ed Rice** to design and Yankee's *Man of Metal*, **Bob Pilz** to build a simple balancer that you took a picture of for them to work from. Those guys do the rest.

Photos: B-17 tires to be balanced, Bob Pilz with the balancer. Photos by Drano

R U READY?

Yankee Air Museum's 2011 THUNDER OVER MICHIGAN Air Show has the privilege and distinction of being selected as a Tier 1 Centennial of Naval Aviation Event. While there were hundreds of applications submitted to become a Tier 1 event, only 32 locations were chosen. These national events were selected by the United States Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard to coordinate and focus joint resources in supporting their Centennial Commemoration.

THUNDER OVER MICHIGAN is the only Tier 1 Centennial event in the states of Michigan and Ohio.

SAVE THIS NEW DATE

Saturday July 9th 1pm, Volunteer Mass Meeting

Final briefing for what to expect from air show coordinators **Kevin Walsh** and **Mike Luther**. Be there to make sure you have the latest information on the airshow. T-Shirts and wrist bands will be handed out. Check with your department head for your options if you absolutely cannot be there.

Yankee Air MUSEUM

IS BACK ONLINE!

That's right, visit YankeeAirMuseum.org to be connected to the latest and greatest online store! New items will be added regularly and sections will be added over the summer to make YankeeAirMuseum.org Southeast Michigan's Premier Site for Aviation related merchandise!

Use the coupon code "MEMBER" to get your 10% membership discount applied to your order. More planes, more collectibles, more pins, patches and challenge coins will be added in the very near future. Books, DVD's, Yankee Apparel will all be added as it becomes available. Want it, but don't see it? Let us know and we can get it for you! The Retail Team has lots of plans for this site, so come back often!

Volunteer Appreciation Awards & 2010 Volunteer of the Year

On Sunday, April 3rd the Museum was closed for the afternoon for the volunteer appreciation luncheon. Although those at the luncheon were recognized for many hours of service, every volunteer is deeply appreciated for every hour they put in. Thank you all for your dedication to making Yankee Air Museum the best it can be. The Museum would be nothing without the efforts of everyone who volunteers and the members who are not able to volunteer, but still support YAM with dues.

Those invited to the luncheon were presented with pins or patches for cumulative hours of service in the following amounts; 500, 1000, 1500, 2000, 3000, 4000, 5000, 5500, 6500, 8000 and 10,000.

Norm Ellickson, who in addition to being the B-17 Crew Chief, wears many other hats for Yankee, was recognized as 2010 Volunteer of the Year for the innumerable things he's done for the Museum in the past and his special efforts this year to get Yankee into our new home, and find a summer home for the airplanes. Norm's dedication to this Museum and the warbird community are legendary to say the least. No speech from this guy however. With his usual modesty, Norm accepted the plaque and a handshake from Yankee President Ray Hunter, and went back to his seat without a word said. When the editor of this publication went to congratulate him at the conclusion of the day, all he was interested in was showing me the wheel balancer made by Bob Pilz and making sure Bob and Ed Rice got credit and mention in HH (see story pg 10). That's normal for Norm. It's not about him. Thanks for all you do.

Yankee Photo Gallery

Here's the link to the Yankee Photo Gallery maintained by Dwight Koslowski. The latest HH images in **COLOR** are there along with thousands of other Yankee and Yankee related photos.

http://public.fotki.com/Kos/members_photo_galle/

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2011 C-47 EXCURSION SCHEDULE

With acquisition of hangar space at DTW, flights will originate there or YIP

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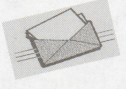

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Wednesday	June 1	Air Zoo of Kalamazoo, MI (Behind the Scenes Restoration Tour)	$120.00 !
Wednesday	June 15	Detroit Tour (Departs approximately 5:30 PM)	$60.00
Wednesday	July 6	Three Museums at DeKalb County Airport, Auburn, IN**	$140.00
Wednesday	July 13	Detroit Tour (Departs approximately 5:30 PM)	$60.00
M -T- W	July 25-26-27	EAA AirVenture, Oshkosh, WI***	$350.00*
Thursday	July 28	EAA AirVenture, Oshkosh, WI***	$350.00
Saturday	July 30	EAA AirVenture, Oshkosh, WI***	$350.00 !
Tuesday	August 9	Mackinac Island	$280.00
Wednesday	August 10	Detroit Tour (Departs approximately 5:30 PM)	$60.00
Friday	August 12	National Museum of the USAF (Behind the Scenes Restoration Tour)	$225.00
Tuesday	August 23	Cleveland Burke Lakefront Airport, OH USS Cod submarine, Great Lakes freighter tour, Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, IWASM (In'tl Women's Aviation & Space Museum)	$130.00
Saturday	September 10	Jackson Airport, MI (for lunch)#	$70.00
Wednesday	September 21	Detroit Tour (Departs approximately 5:30 PM)	$60.00
Fri. - Sun.	September 23-25	Lee Bottom, IN (Wood, Fabric and Tail-dragger Fly-in)	$380.00

* Call for additional costs: 734-546-8002
** Hoosier Air Museum, WWII Victory Museum and Auburn-Cord-Dusenberg Museum
*** Includes $35 Airshow Admission Fee
# Depart 11:15 AM; enjoy the comradery over a leisurely lunch (not included) and head back to the hangar
! Indicates this trip has sold at least 10 seats and is confirmed as going

\+ www.yankeeairmuseum.org Links on the web excursion page provide more information about your destination

What Memorial Day Means to me and to the Yankee Air Museum - Ray Hunter, President

I am a veteran with 31 years of service and consider myself to be a very lucky man. I got shot at once or twice in Vietnam, but overall, my experiences in the Air Force were positive, rewarding, and fun. I made many good friends, some of them have "gone West" as we say in the aviation world.

I have been a member of the Yankee Air Museum for nearly as many years as I served in the US Air Force. Many of our Yankee friends have also gone West. We will remember them with pride and reverence for as long as we live.

I first thought about a poem called High Flight that all aviators know. It was written by a young man named John Gillespie Magee Jr.. He was 19 years old, a volunteer pilot in the Canadian Air Force, and serving in England. He was an American, but he'd gone to Canada before our country was in World War II. He was killed four days after Pearl Harbor, but his poem lives on. (see box at right)

I also thought about a speech made by President Ronald Reagan at the Arlington National Cemetery in 1982. I believe his words still ring true today and will do so for the ages. My words cannot express my thoughts any better than our late President. Parts of President Reagan's speech follow:

"The willingness of some to give their lives so that others might live never fails to evoke in us a sense of wonder and mystery. As we honor their memory today, let us pledge that their lives, their sacrifices, their valor shall be justified and remembered for as long as God gives life to this nation. And let us also pledge to do our utmost to carry out what must have been their wish: that no other generation of young men will ever have to share their experiences and repeat their sacrifice. Earlier today, with the music that we have heard and that of our National Anthem -- I can't claim to know the words of all the national anthems in the world, but I don't know of any other that ends with a question and a challenge as ours does: Does that flag still wave o'er the land of the free and the home of the brave? That is what we must all ask."

Every Memorial Day means everything to the Yankee Air Museum and to all veterans.

In Memory Of...

Richard Pless
November 2010
Sr Life 4541

ATTENTION CHAMBER of COMMERCE MEMBERS

If you are a chamber member within 70 miles or so of Yankee Air Museum, the PR Department would like to have you contact them. Part of PR's mission is to reach out to chambers in southeast Michigan and northwest Ohio. They want to know who you are. Contact Bob Hynes, bob.hynes@yankeeairmuseum.org

HIGH FLIGHT

Oh! I have slipped the surly bonds of Earth
And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings;
Sunward I've climbed, and joined the tumbling mirth
of sun-split clouds, — and done a hundred things
You have not dreamed of — wheeled and soared and swung
High in the sunlit silence. Hov'ring there,
I've chased the shouting wind along, and flung
My eager craft through footless halls of air....

Up, up the long, delirious, burning blue
I've topped the wind-swept heights with easy grace.
Where never lark, or even eagle flew —
And, while with silent lifting mind I have trod
The high untrespassed sanctity of space,
Put out my hand, and touched the face of God.

Restoration Recording

B-24 Project
Russ Banush

The restoration department is very careful to save any part of theB-24 Liberator that may have an assembly code or any other identification mark on it that helps with the history of the subject on which we are restoring .

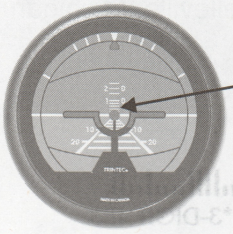
The B-24 center section we are working on is such a case, as it is was built at Willow Run by Ford Motor. In the process of preparing this section to be the focal point of our factory simulation display, we are replacing and/or repairing the outer skin (i.e., aluminum sheet).

One of the sheets just aft of the bomb bay needs to be replaced. It is a part that has a small fire extinguisher compartment which has a door to allow access to the extinguisher from outside the aircraft. After removal of the skin and the fire extinguisher assembly , it was cleaned up. The steel bracket that held the extinguisher bottle had a code on it that was revealed after all the rust was removed. The code: FYR FYTER CO.
It took a while for this writer to understand that this was the company name that made the bracket! They came up with this instead of FIRE FIGHTER COMPANY! They were doing texting way back then!?

I looked up the name in Google and found the following company located in New Jersey: FYR-FYTER COMPANY (They have a web site). I telephoned to see if there may be someone to talk to about the unit in our B-24. Alas, the company that did the manufacturing has been gone for many years, and only the name exists as a service oriented organization. The person with whom I spoke told me he gets a lot of calls such as mine inquiring about aircraft fire extinguishers, so he knew where I was headed with my call.

One never knows!

ON THE HORIZON



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Saturday 21st — **Vietnam Veterans fundraiser for Huey display at YAM C & E Bldg**
Be sure to attend this special event that will raise funds for an enhanced exhibit around the Huey. Buy tickets online **NOW** at www.yankeeairmuseum.org

Monday 30th — **Memorial Day Commemorations and Events -** Yankee Collections and Exhibits Building. Pancake Breakfast, 2K fun walk, 5K and 10K runs. See front page

JUNE

Sunday 5th — **Pancake Breakfast and fly-in at Grosse Ile (KONZ)**, not a Yankee event but fun to attend. 734-675-0155, dthiel@grosseileairport.com

Saturday 18th — **Michigan Aviation Historical Society (MAHS)** - Yankee C & E Bldg 7pm. For information contact Todd Hackbarth toddhackbarth@yahoo.com

Sunday 19th — **Pancake Breakfast Father's Day** - EAA Chapt 113 @ Plymouth Mettetal Airport (1D2) **www.eaa113.org** or call (734) 459-9654. Many members of this EAA chapter are also Yankee members, and there are a lot of fly-ins, so you'll see some interesting AC

JULY

Saturday 9th — **NEW DATE !!! Air Show Volunteer Mass Briefing** - 1pm Yankee HQ
Saturday 23rd
Sunday 24th

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Capt Randy Hotton (USN Ret)
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Dr. Hott will be working the A-Team during the air show. Thanks Bob!

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